

**PUBLIC HEARING OF  
THE VILLAGE OF MARCELLUS  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON DECEMBER 22, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Chad A. Clark, Mayor See List  
James P. Curtin, Trustee  
Timothy P. Manahan, Trustee  
Jeffrey D. Brown, Attorney  
Charnley A. Abbott, Village Clerk

**ABSENT:** None

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Clark made a motion to open the public hearing regarding a proposed sewer rate increase at 7:00pm, seconded by Trustee Manahan. All board members voted aye and the public hearing was opened.

Mayor Clark explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to allow all interested parties the opportunity to be heard regarding a proposed increase in the sewer rents, allowing the Village Board to adopt a resolution amending Document G of the Village of Marcellus Code Book. The need for the proposed increase in sewer rents continued to be the increased costs resulting from directives and mandates imposed on the Village by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), as well as increased costs in the transportation and treatment of sewage and operation and maintenance of the Village Sewer Systems. Sewer rent and usage fees last increased in January of 2025, and in order to effectively operate, the Village Board found it necessary to build up its sewer fund balance. A sewer rate increase, effective January 1, 2026, was proposed, raising the minimum sewer rent from \$105.00 per quarter to \$110.00 per quarter, \$5 more per quarter or \$20 more per year. Thereafter, charges are on a per 1,000-gals basis, and those rates for usage above 5000 gals include a proposed increase of 3%.

Comments from the Treatment Plant Operator – Mallory Zabinski – The Village is very pro-active at looking at ways to save money at the WPCP. Despite the Village being very pro-active, as well as the ongoing mandates by the State, the Village cannot continue to operate and maintain the treatment plant efficiently without raising rates for sewer users.

Mayor Clark asked if there were any comments from the Village Board. There were none.

Mayor Clark asked if there were any comments from the public. Dwight Widger, Flower Lane resident, questioned why the Board was raising the minimum by 4.7% yet the proposed rates for usage above 5,000 gallons were only being raised 3%.

Mayor Clark asked if there were any other comments from the floor. There were none.

Mayor Clark made a motion to close the public hearing and open the regular meeting, seconded by Trustee Curtin. Mayor Clark called for a vote. All members voted aye and the hearing was closed at 7:19pm.

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Charnley A. Abbott, Village Clerk

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